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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: **METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR DESIGNATING A STORAGE GROUP PREFERENCE ORDER**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 6 Sheet(s) of drawings + 0 extra copies;
17 pages of Application; 12 pages of specification, 1 page of abstract
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation. (Will follow.)
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Will follow.)
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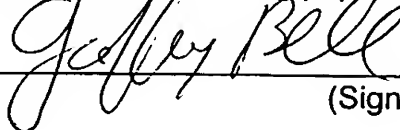
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